

## THE TRIBUNE'S CHARGES ARE TRUE

ALL DEFENDANTS IN CASE ARE VINDICATED

NO. 63.

### THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE HAS TOLD THE TRUTH

#### JONES, JR., A PERJURER

So: They Heard the Evidence; Their Verdict Is Final.

#### JONES, JR., PADDED PAYROLLS AT INFIRMARY

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#### JONES, JR., FED WARDEN'S BAD MEAT

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#### JONES, JR., FAILED TO BE HONEST ACCOUNTS

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#### JONES, JR., MERGED ACCOUNTS WITH PUBLIC

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#### JONES, JR., DEMANDS MONEY FROM MORSE

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Jurors sworn to hear the testimony and weigh the evidence in the case, after nearly five hours' deliberation, yesterday afternoon unanimously returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

#### Charges Were Sustained.

The Tribune is vindicated. Joseph Lippman is vindicated. Frank I. Sefrit is vindicated. The Tribune charged that Jones made false affidavits and perjured himself in swearing that certain sums were due from the county. From the verdict of the jury this charge was sustained.

The Tribune charged that Jones padded the county pay-rolls, securing for himself and his employees moneys that were not legally due. From the verdict of the jury it found this charge to be proved.

The Tribune charged that Jones fed the inmates of the county infirmary on 2-cent and rotten mutton and bad beef, and from the verdict of the jurors they found this charge to be true.

The Tribune charged that Jones failed to render an account of the moneys he received from the sale of produce and stock belonging to the county, and was therefore an embezzler. The verdict of the jury sustains that charge.

The Tribune charged that Jones, a superintendent of the county infirmary, merged his private accounts with those of the county. The verdict of the jury sustains this charge.

W. R. Jones, Jr., superintendent of the county infirmary—a position that, according to the testimony, he secured through the influence and recommendation of "Fussy" James H. Anderson—demanded from The Salt Lake Tribune, Joseph Lippman and Frank I. Sefrit \$125,000 for alleged damages to his character by the publication of the charges against him; and the verdict of the jury serves notice to the world that these charges are true and that Jones is entitled to not one cent of damages.

#### Vindication Is Complete.

The vindication is complete. Frank I. Sefrit, the reporter who made the investigation and wrote the articles of which Jones complained, and for the publication of which he sought to collect \$125,000 damages, is vindicated.

Joseph Lippman is vindicated. He, who as general manager of The Tribune at that time, directed the investigation made



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by Mr. Sefrit and authorized the publication of the articles of which Jones complains, has, according to the verdict of the jury, been proved to have acted within the line of his duty in protecting the public interests.

The Tribune is vindicated. That newspaper, which, moved by a spirit that strikes at evil wherever it may be found, and never shrinks the unpleasant task of exposing fraud and graft, has been, by the verdict of the jury, exonerated and freed from all blame in throwing the limelight of truth upon the conditions that existed at the county infirmary, under the management of W. R. Jones, Jr., the man who alleged that his character had been damaged in the sum of \$125,000.

#### Teaches Fairness of the Press.

Judge O. W. Powers, of counsel for the defendants in the action, said after the verdict of the jury had been returned and Jones's claim for damages had vanished into deserved oblivion: "A reputable newspaper is always willing to play fair, and there is seldom, if ever, any necessity to sue it for libel. If a wrong has been done, if there has been an injury

done anybody by the publication of articles which the paper believed to be true, the paper is always willing to right that wrong. The verdict in this case is a vindication of the general fairness and reliability of The Tribune.

#### Shows Power of Reporter.

"There is another point that I would like to emphasize, and that is the influence of the newspaper reporter in unearthing evils and bringing to light public wrongs. The strong and bright young men of the newspaper staff are acting from motives of self-interest, they strive to be fair, and they are fair. The newspaper man often does more to uncover crime and inaugurate reforms than men who are paid especially for that purpose."

#### How Does Jones Feel?

Those who are familiar with the case freely express their desire to learn how Jones felt after the verdict was announced. At the time of the publication of the articles which Jones swore injured him to the extent of \$125,000 an acquaintance said: "How does it feel to be on the fire?" To which statement Jones

replied, "Oh, paper wads can't hurt anybody."

#### Has Learned a Lesson.

But Jones has been taught a lesson. He has learned that the grafter cannot hide behind the skirts of an ecclesiast. He has learned that strong friends in high places will not always avail, he has learned that a reputable newspaper cannot be ridiculed or damaged for daring to speak boldly and in the public's behalf publish the truth.

#### What Testimony Showed.

Now that the verdict has been rendered, says the jury, four of whom were members of the church to which Jones belongs, have declared upon their oaths that the superintendent of the county infirmary was not entitled to damages because one newspaper in the town was brave enough to publish his record. The Tribune has the undoubted right to point out the striking features of the case.

#### Cling to a Shadow.

The testimony which, in the minds of the jury, went beyond a preponderance of the evidence, indicated that Jones had either deceived himself or was deluded into the belief that he was damaged because his record was dragged, not with-

### JURORS STAND BY STATEMENTS OF PAPER

out difficulty, into the sunlight. It is a fair conclusion to say that Jones, grasping for substance, clung only to a shadow, a phantom of his own or some other's mind.

#### Every Charge Proved.

The Tribune charged Jones with embezzlement of county funds and proved it by the introduction of the records that showed he had failed to make an accounting of the moneys received by him.

The Tribune charged Jones with perjury and proved that he had sworn falsely to statements with regard to the money due him.

The Tribune charged Jones with merging his accounts with those of the county and proved it by written records and the sworn statements of unimpeached witnesses.

The Tribune charged Jones with feeding rotten mutton and bad beef to the inmates of the county infirmary and proved it by the sworn testimony, unimpeached, of those who had cooked the unfit food and those who had had it served at their meals.

The Tribune charged Jones with having bought at county expense luxuries for himself and family, while ancient soup bones, maggoty beef and rotten mutton were good enough for the wards under his care, and proved it by the vouchers filed with the County Auditor and the sworn testimony of the men and women who saw from day to day the manner in which Jones administered the affairs of the infirmary.

#### Record Shown Up.

Every charge has been proved, the verdict of the jury, and the character of W. R. Jones, Jr., who became superintendent of the county infirmary through grace of Fussy Jimmy Anderson, who made false oaths, who padded county pay-rolls, who merged his private accounts with those of the county, who embezzled county property and funds, who used the taxpayers' money to pay for luxuries for himself and family, who fed the aged and infirm wards of the public upon skimmed milk and water, old soup bones, rotten mutton and maggoty beef—the character of this noble-minded humanitarian, this son-in-law of the Apostolic liar, Charles W. Penrose, stand in its true light.

By a jury of eight good men and true, the course of Joseph Lippman, Frank I. Sefrit and The Salt Lake Tribune has

### TRIBUNE'S CHARGE IS VINDICATED

Jurors Say So: They Heard the Evidence; Their Verdict Is Final.

### VINDICATION JOE LIPPMAN AND FRANK SEFRIT AMPLE

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### NEWSPAPER MEN PRESERVE REPUTATION FOR TRUTH

Jurors Say So: They Heard the Evidence; Their Verdict Is Final.

### THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE TOLD TRUTH ABOUT JONES

Jurors Say So: So Do the People; Their Verdict Is Final.

### "IF IT'S IN THE TRIBUNE IT CAN PROVE IT"

The People Know It; the Jurors Confirm: the Verdict Is Final.

been vindicated. The issues are found in favor of the defendants and against the plaintiff. Jones gets, for his \$125,000 character, not one cent.

### TWO MEN ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF A DUEL

#### Miner Accuses Bartender of Short-Changing and Fusillade Follows.

BULLFROG, Nev., Dec. 15.—J. C. Clayton and J. J. Sullivan are both dead as the result of a pistol duel in Rhyolite, a town one mile north of Bullfrog, last night. The tragedy occurred in Hevis & Turpin's saloon, and was brought about by Clayton charging Sullivan, who was a bartender at the place, with giving him short change.

#### Bystander Receives Bullets.

Max Rosenberg, a cook, was at one of the gaming tables, and tried to duck under the table, but received a 45-caliber bullet just above the right nipple. He will recover.

#### Sullivan From Butte.

Sullivan, who was 33 years old, leaves a young wife in Rhyolite. He came from Butte, Mont., some time ago. Clayton was 33 years old. He was a miner, and leaves a wife, either in Creede or Colorado Springs, Colo.

### CONFIRMED BY SENATE

#### Large Number of President's Nominations Approved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations: Benjamin F. Harper, Indiana, auditor for the War department; Charles A. McMahon, Indiana, deputy auditor for the Postoffice department; Louis M. Idillings, New York, agent and Consul-General at Cairo, Egypt; Leo Allen Bergholz, New York, Consul-General at Beirut, Turkey; Walter S. Metcalf, pension agent at Topeka, Kan.; Henry P. Harshar, collector of internal revenue, district of New Mexico; Jess Wilson, Indiana, Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Postmasters: Idaho, J. Q. Elder, Coeur d'Alene, Nevada, Edward R. Collier, Goodfield.

#### Idaho Wins Debate.

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 15.—The three-day debate representing the University of Idaho versus the University of Montana here tonight. The University of Montana here tonight. The University was "Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Adopt a General Income Tax." The winners of the debate took the negative side.

#### Kendall Is Released.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—All efforts to connect James Kendall with the murder of Miss Maudie Keene, who was shot and killed by a burglar in her apartments three weeks ago, will be abandoned. It is impossible, the police say, to connect him with the murder.

### SALT LAKERS ARE HAPPY OVER VERDICT

#### Congratulations Pour in on the Tribune Over the Result.

ALL ANXIOUS TO KNOW, TOO, IF THIS IS THE END

#### Universal Opinion That Matter Should Finally Land Some One in the Pen.

Salt Lake's law-abiding and upright citizens heartily approve the verdict of the jury in the suit of W. R. Jones, Jr., against The Tribune, Frank I. Sefrit and Joseph Lippman, in which Jones demanded \$125,000 for imaginative and alleged injuries to his character, and received nothing.

#### Congratulations Pour In.

If any one had an idea that the people of Salt Lake were not interested in the outcome of the case, they should have visited The Tribune office last night and watched two members of the staff, who were kept busy answering both telephonic congratulations and inquiries coming from all portions of the city and from suburban towns. It was long after midnight when the tide of queries and compliments ceased.

#### Talk in the Streets.

Within five minutes after the verdict of the jury, which furnished legal evidence as to the value of Jones's \$125,000 character, had been read in the courtroom the news had spread up town and was the leading subject of conversation. Merchants and clerks in the stores, lawyers and stenographers in offices, patrons in shops and cigar stands, laborers and idlers, all congratulated The Tribune and expressed satisfaction that the \$125,000 character of Jones, creature and servant of Fussy Jimmy Anderson, had been placed in a proper light before the public. "Almost every one who called up by phone or came to the office in person to express satisfaction, and they were numbered by hundreds, put one of two questions: "What is The Tribune going to do now?" or "What will become of Bill Jones now?"

Here is the answer. In the face of the evidence adduced, and the verdict of the jury, it is up to the officers of the law to do their sworn duty.

### LAWS CONFLICT ON HAZING PENALTY

#### Bonaparte Asks for an Opinion by the Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Whether the Superintendent of the Naval Academy or the Secretary of the Navy or both jointly, have the power summarily to dismiss from the Naval Academy without trial by court-martial a midshipman guilty of hazing, and whether such action, if taken, would prove a bar to proceedings in the Civil courts for assault or other criminal elements involved in the offense, are two questions upon which the Attorney-General, at the request of the Secretary of the Navy, will render an opinion tomorrow.

#### Shape Future Action.

The character of this opinion will shape the future action of the Navy department on the recommendation of Rear-Admiral James H. Sands, superintendent of the Naval Academy, for the summary dismissal of Midshipman Tremor Coffin, Jr., for hazing, and Midshipman Warren A. Vanderveer for countenancing the practice. If Atty.-Gen. Moody rules that the Secretary has such power, these midshipmen will be summarily dismissed from the Academy. If such power is lacking, their immediate trial by court-martial will be ordered. Otherwise Secretary Bonaparte will direct that action be brought against the dismissed midshipmen in the courts of Maryland.

#### Acts in Conflict.

The doubt in the mind of the Navy department regarding the limits of its jurisdiction arises from the apparent conflict between an act of June 25, 1874, which calls for the trial by court-martial for cadets found guilty of hazing and that of March 2, 1893, which provides that "any cadet found guilty of participating in or countenancing such practice shall be summarily dismissed."

#### Cadets Promise Support.

Hazing at the Academy was the subject of two conferences today between Admiral Sands and Secretary Bonaparte. The Admiral informed the Secretary that the cadet officers and cadet petty officers, at a conference which the Admiral held with them several days ago, voluntarily pledged him their support in his insistence upon a strict obedience to all rules of the Academy.

#### Search for Evidence.

Admiral Sands returned to Annapolis this afternoon, where a thorough investi-

### SMOOT LOSES BOUT NO. 1 IN SENATE

#### Dolliver Selected for the Vacancy on Privileges and Elections.

REAL TEST OF STRENGTH BETWEEN THE FACTIONS

#### Is Now Universally Conceded Smoot Scheduled for Swift Exit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Reed Smoot lost out in the first bout in the Senate. Dolliver (D.), was today selected as a member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections to succeed McComas (M.) Dolliver Anti-Smoot.

#### Sutherland Loses Judiciary.

Smoot retains his committee assignments after last Congress and will get on Public Lands besides. Sutherland gets on Irrigation, but loses out on Judiciary. Heyburn (D.), gets a place on Public Buildings and Grounds.

#### Bartlett Succeeds West.

Thomas A. Bartlett was appointed Register of the land office at Lewiston, Ida., today, vice West, removed. Senator Heyburn won out on the nomination, having championed Bartlett, while Congressman French stood for West's retention.

#### Midshipman May Resign.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 15.—Midshipman Kimbrough of Tennessee, who was hazed until he was unrecognizable, is recovering his strength, but on account of the affair and the threats that have been made against him, his relatives are contemplating withdrawing him from the institution.

#### Fight Draws Hisses.

DENVER, Dec. 15.—George Menzies and Adam Ryan, both of Chicago, fought ten rounds at the Democratic club tonight. Menzies, a former prizefighter, won the fight by a knockout. The fight was a tame affair and frequently drew hisses from the spectators.

### MANIAC MURDERS THREE

#### Baby in House After His Three Years' Absence Causes Trouble.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—William Guy, released from the Newburgh insane asylum after thirty-six months' confinement, and finding his wife with an 18-month-old baby, today killed the baby, his wife's brother and fatally wounded a woman to whose house Mrs. Guy had fled. The latter escaped.

The light of the baby apparently reawakened Guy's maniacal frenzy and he procured a revolver. He talked freely of his crime and expressed no regret except that of failing to kill his wife.

### MINERS ADOPT SCALE

#### Eight-Hour Day and Recognition of Union Principal Demands.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 15.—Soon after the opening of today's session of the anthracite miners' convention, President Mitchell, chairman of the wage scale committee, announced that he was prepared to read the draft of the proposed demand to be made upon the operators. The convention then went into executive session to consider the wage scale.

The report of the wage scale committee was unanimously adopted. The scale given to the press did not specify the demands, but it is almost certain that the eight-hour day and recognition of the union were the principal demands.

#### Out in Tenth Round.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 15.—In one of the fastest fights ever held in the West, Kid Grant of Seattle knocked out Young Choyinski of San Francisco tonight in the first minute of the tenth round with a right swing to the jaw. The men are lightweights.

#### Withdraw Ballot Box Motions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Counsel for William R. Hearst today asked the Supreme court for permission to withdraw motions to open 131 ballot boxes. The motions were accordingly marked off the records.

#### Jurors Hard to Get.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Four days' examination of witnesses to fill a panel of twelve men to try the "beef trust" cases closed tonight with only four men accepted by both sides. Judge Humphrey adjourned court until Monday.